

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A. KUROKAWA, et al.  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: March 26, 2004  
For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME  
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 26, 2004

Sir:

The following amendments respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**